

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 272 ~ EDEN PRAIRIE SCHOOLS
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE APRIL 26, 2021
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A Regular Meeting of the Independent School District 272, Eden Prairie Schools, was held on April 26, 2021 in the Eden Prairie District Administrative Offices, 8100 School Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344.

1. Convene: 6:00 PM

School Board Members

Present: Aaron Casper, Debjyoti "DD" Dwivedy, Beth Fletcher, Kim Ross, Adam Seidel, Veronica Stoltz, Charles "C.J." Strehl

Present: Superintendent Josh Swanson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Agenda Review and Approval – MOTION by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by A. Casper to approve the agenda for Monday, April 26, 2021 meeting; **AMENDMENT** by K. Ross, **Seconded** by V. Stoltz to add to the agenda the Introduction of the 1st reading of Eden Prairie Schools on Social Justice Resolution; **MOTION** by C. Strehl, **Seconded** by A. Casper to table the introduction of the Resolution on Social Justice, **MOTION** Passed 4-3: Yes – CJ, BF, AC, DD; No – AS, VS, KR; **Original MOTION** to approve agenda as presented by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by A. Casper, Passed 6-1; Yes – AC, DD, BF, AS, VS, CS; No – KR.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes – MOTION by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by A. Casper to approve the UNOFFICIAL Minutes of the School Board Regular Business Meetings for March 22, 2021 – Passed Unanimously

5. Public Comment (1)

– S. Adams (Electric School Buses)

6. Announcements

- Narrowly winning in a tiebreaker, the Varsity Science Olympiad team won state for the first time ever in EPHS history! The team will advance to nationals in late May virtually at Arizona State University. Congratulations to the following students!
 - 1) Varsity: Samir Sarma, Samhita Jonnalagadda, Sani Deshmukh, Shruthi Kundoor, Suchita Sah, Gabi Peta, Iesh Gujral, Keerthana Ramanathan, Ria Jadhav, Dhruv Chowdhary, Prabhav Gupta, Pranav Vadhul, Rachel Lam, Tommy Tran, Vincent Nguyen.
- The Athena Award Winners have been publicly announced, including EPHS student Ella Bakken - [Star Tribune](#).
- EPHS students Abirami Rajasekaran and Harini Senthilkumar won the 2021 Outstanding Achievement Award and Honorable Mention for Nationals from the Minnesota Academy of Science. The two students competed in the 2021 North Central JSHS ([Junior Science and Humanities Symposium](#)). Congrats!
- The EPHS yearbook, Eagle Yearbook, has been recognized for excellence and featured in the Jostens Look Book 2021, celebrating the best-of-the-best in yearbook design and inclusivity.
- Iesh Gujral, a EPHS junior, was recently elected as the Model United Nations President for Minnesota. Starting in 2022, Iesh will represent EPHS across the state, with the goal of encouraging more students to get involved with Youth in Government.
- EPHS students Priyanka Kopuru & Devna Panda were recently recognized as Honorees for the 2021 Minnesota Aspirations in Computing Awards. Kopuru was awarded the Certificate of Distinction and Panda was awarded the State Honorable Mention. [Click here for information on all of the honorees](#).
- The EP Boys hockey team beat Lakeville South 2-1 in a second overtime for the Class AA boy's hockey championship. Go Eagles!
- Teacher Appreciation Week – May 3-7, 2021

7. Spotlight on Success

Eden Lake Elementary - Partnership between 1st & 3rd Graders to create an Outside Bird Sanctuary for usage by all students across the building.

8. Board Work

A. Decision Preparation

- 1) Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 School Board Work Plan (*First Reading*)
- 2) Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 School Board Budget (*First Reading*)

- B. Required Board Action
 - 1) Approval of FY 2021-22 Capital Budget – **MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by V. Stoltz to approve the Capital Budget as presented – Passed Unanimously
 - a. Capital Budget - Executive Summary
 - b. Capital Budget Outlay - Detail
 - 2) Approval of FY 2021-22 School Board Meeting Calendar – **MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by A. Casper to approve the School Board Calendar as presented – Passed Unanimously
 - 3) School Board Workshop Summary Approval – **MOTION** by C. Strehl, **Seconded** by B. Fletcher to approve Workshop Summary document with the topic names noted and bullet points as discussed – Passed Unanimously
- C. Approval to Accept School Board Member's Resignation – **MOTION** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by K. Ross to accept School Board Member, Director V. Stoltz, resignation effective May 25, 2021 – Passed Unanimously
- D. Record of Board Self-Evaluation
 - 1) 2019-20 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Governance Policies (*No Updates*)
 - 2) 2019-20 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Ends & Executive Limitations (EL's) (*No Updates*)
 - 3) 2020-21 Record of Board Policy Monitoring - Governance Policies – **MOTION** by B. Fletcher, **Seconded** by V. Stoltz to accept record as presented – Passed Unanimously
- 9. Superintendent Consent Agenda – MOTION** by A. Casper, **Seconded** B. Fletcher to approve Consent Agenda as presented – Passed Unanimously
 - A. Monthly Reports
 - 1) Resolution of Acceptance of Donations
 - 2) Human Resources Report
 - 3) Business Services Reports
 - a. Board Business
 - b. Financial Report - Monthly Revenue/Expenditure Report
 - B. TASSEL Transition Program - Executive Summary
 - 1) Program Lease Agreement
- 10. Superintendent's Incidental Information Report**
 - A. EPS Program Partnerships
- 11. Board Action on Committee Reports & Minutes**
 - A. Board Development Committee
 - 1) BDC Minutes for April 14, 2021 – **MOTION** by A. Casper, **Seconded** D. Dwivedy to approve BDC minutes as presented – Passed Unanimously
 - B. Community Linkage Committee
 - 1) CLC Minutes for March 29, 2021 – **MOTION** by A. Seidel, **Seconded** by A. Casper to approve CLC minutes as presented – Passed Unanimously
 - 2) **MOTION** by A. Seidel, **Seconded** by B. Fletcher for the School Board to plan a Community Engagment Session on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, June 15, 16 or 17, 2021, and for Administration to advise Board of indoor/outdoor venue availabilities for these dates as well – Passed Unamiously
 - 3) Inspiring News School Board Column – **MOTION** by B. Fletcher, **Seconded** by A. Seidel to approve the column language as presented; **AMENDMENT** by A. Seidel, **Seconded** by D. Dwivedy to approve the Inspiring News Column, 2nd Draft, with the following minor changes/edits as presented (remove “on-going”, change to “ongoing”; remove “continued”, change to “continues”; and remove “your”, change to “ours”– Passed Unanimously; Original **MOTION** as **AMENDED** – Passed Unanimously
 - C. Negotiations Committee
 - D. Policy Committee
- 12. Other Board Updates (AMSD, ECSU, ISD 287)**
 - A. AMSD (Association of Metropolitan Schools) - Veronica Stoltz, Aaron Casper & Kim Ross
 - B. ISD 287 (Intermediate School District 287) - Adam Seidel
 - C. ECSU (Metropolitan Educational Cooperative Service Unit - Veronica Stoltz

13. Board Work Plan

A. Work Plan Changes Document

MOTION by K. Ross, **Seconded** by V. Stoltz to add the Introduction of the Resolution on Social Justice to the May 10, 2021 Workshop for further discussion – Passed 4-3; Yes: KR, VS, CJ, AC; No: AS, DD, BF; **MOTION** by B. Fletcher, **Seconded** by C. Strehl to add the General Special Elections to the May 10th Workshop for Discussion - – Passed Unanimously; **MOTION AMENDED** by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by A. Casper, to add Inspiring News Topic Discussion; and approval of 1st Draft to the Work Plan, **MOTION** and **AMENDMENT** – Passed Unanimously

Date of Meeting/Workshop	Changes Requested
Monday, May 10, 2021 – <i>Workshop</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add: - Conversation: General Special Election - Conversation: Resolution on Social Justice
Saturday, May 22, 2021 – Workshop/Retreat	
Monday, May 24, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add: - Closed Session: Negotiation Strategy (MN Statue 13D.03, Subd.1)
Monday, June 14, 2021 – <i>Workshop</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add: - Conversation/Discussion: Inspiring News Topic Discussion (1st Draft) for 2021-22
Monday, June 28, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add: - Inspiring News – Present 1st Draft Approval for 2021-22
Placeholder – General Board Work	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Board Listening Session Discussion 	
Placeholder – Policy Review	

B. School Board Annual Work Plan FY 2020-21 (January - June 2021)

14. Closed Session

Negotiation Strategy - Pursuant to MN Statue 13D.03, Subd.1 - The governing body of a public employer may by a majority vote in a public meeting decide to hold a closed meeting to consider strategy for labor negotiations, including negotiation strategies or developments or discussion and review of labor negotiation proposals, conducted pursuant to sections 179A.01 to 179A.25.

MOTION by A. Seidel, **Seconded** by B. Fletcher to move into Closed Session at 9:35 PM. – Passed Unanimously

MOTION by A. Seidel, **Seconded** by B. Fletcher to move out of Closed Session and resume regular Business Meeting at 10:19 PM. – Passed Unanimously

15. Adjournment – MOTION by D. Dwivedy, **Seconded** by A. Casper to adjourn the Monday, April 26, 2021 meeting of the Eden Prairie School Board at 10:23 p.m. – Passed Unanimously



 Debjyoti Dwivedy – Board Clerk